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Charles Cason Burris

April 25, 1967 — May 12, 2022

Charles Cason “Chip” Burris, age 55, died on May 12, 2022. Chip was born on April 25, 1967 to Robbie (Cason) and Charles Marvin Burris.

Chip joined the Army after attending Columbia High School in Lake City, Florida. After his discharge, he began his career in the computer and IT world with expertise that spanned both software, hardware and business development and sales. In his last position, he was invaluable in building the IT and Technology support structure for the Global Genomic Medicine Collaborative, a non-profit organization.

Chip was a huge personality, an extrovert who was exuberant, enthusiastic, fun and funny, and also quite a bit of a provocateur, to put it politely. He made an impact on everyone he met. He loved meeting people, hearing their stories, sharing his own, and just talking. He had a huge talent for helping people discover their potential and making them realize it, however reluctantly. He was hugely supportive of his wife’s professional growth and their marriage was a truly a partnership.

He was an amazingly resilient person and his extremely positive outlook on life helped him overcome significant adversity over the years. He underwent two craniotomies in 2010 for the removal of a meningioma and a resulting infection, and a severe reaction to the IV antibiotic treatment for the infection. In early 2011, Chip survived and quickly recovered from a serious post-surgical stroke, with return of his fine motor skills through intense computer gaming. Despite these challenges you would have never known what he had been though by looking at or interacting with him as his personality never changed. He was always larger than life. He created diverse communities in which to have fun, meet people, and be the center of attention.

Chip was involved in so many communities in Durham. He volunteered at Fine Whines and Lickers during Adoption days, and, living at the Bullington Warehouse, spoiled all the dogs in the building with his beef jerky treats. He joined local photography groups to learn and grow his skills in this area. And, of course, volunteering as security at the Fruit to foster and help grow a unique, vibrant, and welcoming space in Durham.

Chip met his wife, Tejinder “Teji” Rakhra-Burris in St Louis, MO in 1996. Teji was attending graduate school and Chip was on his way to California. They were married in 1999 at her parents’ home in Vermont, in a ceremony combining Christian and Sikh traditions. They made

North Carolina their home in 2001 and specifically Durham, NC in 2010. Chip is also survived by his parents, Robbie and Marvin Burris, his sister Susanne Dryer, and her children Ashton Artman and Adair Bosserman.

Chip will be interred at The Sanctuary at the Burrow in Moncure, NC located at 4479 Moncure Pittsboro Road, Moncure, NC in Chatham County. A graveside ceremony will take place on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 11:00 am. A memorial and celebration of life will be held at The Fruit, located at 305 S Dillard Street in Durham, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the following organizations: · Trosa (<https://trosainc.org/>) · Love Your Brain (<https://www.loveyourbrain.com/>)

· Fine Whines and Lickers (<https://finewhinesandlickers.org/>)

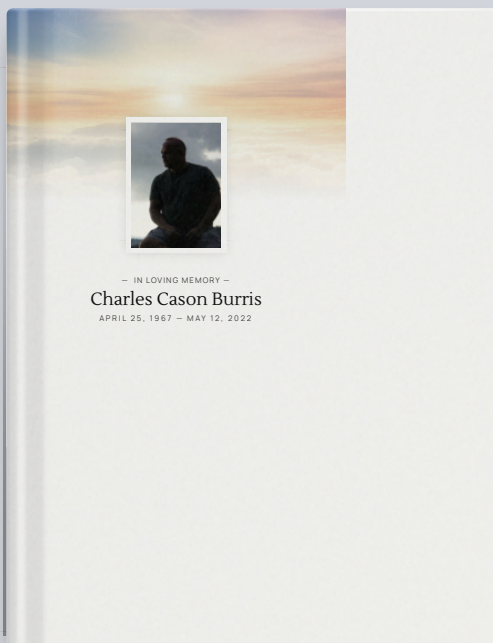
The Burris family is under the care of the Hall-Wynne Funeral Service. Online condolences:

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With heartfelt condolences and fond memories of Chip
A memorial tree has been planted by Theodora Katsila.

THEODORA KATSILA

Jun 02, 2022

In loving memory of chip Burris May god be with you
A memorial tree has been planted by Paramjit and manmohan.

PARAMJIT AND MANMOHAN

May 18, 2022

With loving memories of Charles Burris,
A memorial tree has been planted by Kambo Family.

KAMBO FAMILY

May 17, 2022



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cerest condolences to Teji and the
Burris and Rakhra families. His candor and conversations for his passions will surely be
missed. May your soul, Chip, Rest In Peace

JASMEET KAMBO

May 17, 2022

I didn't know Chip long but it was certainly a pleasure to have befriended him. The man
was always smiling and happy. He would always take time to talk if you needed him.
Genuine passion to helping others is what I saw in him. While our time knowing each other
was short, I can say I met a great man with a heart of gold.

DREW SCHLEGEL

May 17, 2022

May this tree embody two of the most endearing qualities we saw in Chip: great strength and generosity of spirit.

A memorial tree has been planted by Pam Rheuark.

PAM RHEUARK

May 17, 2022

The world lost a great man and will never be the same without Chip! From the first time we met at the Fruit, we were instant buddies and made sure to chat and hang out each and every time I was there afterwards. Vibrant is an understatement describing Chip, and he had such a caring and honest soul. His memory will live on through everyone's stories of great times they had with Chip, and deepest condolences to his partner and family in this time of grief. May he Rest In Peace. -Emily Granito

EMILY GRANITO

May 17, 2022

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Love and prayers.

Courage was purchased by Binde, Bindu and Kaleena.

BINDE, BINDU AND KALEENA

May 17, 2022

Rest easy big guy

A memorial tree has been planted by Shannen w.

SHANNEN W

May 16, 2022

With loving memories of Charles Burris,

A memorial tree has been planted by Sharni, Dorothy, Anisha & Ashlin Rakhra.

SHARNI, DOROTHY, ANISHA & ASHLIN RAKHRA

May 16, 2022

Sending my deepest sympathy to the entire Burris family during this difficult time. I met Chip at The Fruit and he was always such a joy to be around! So sorry for your loss.

Michelle Petruolo xo

MICHELLE PETRUOLO

May 16, 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

A memorial tree has been planted by Tribute Store.

TRIBUTE STORE

May 16, 2022

We are thinking of you during this difficult time.

Lavender Fields was purchased by Tribute Store.

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May 16, 2022

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Hall-Wynne Funeral Service

A memorial tree has been planted by A Memorial Tree was planted for Charles Cason Burris .

A MEMORIAL TREE WAS PLANTED FOR CHARLES CASON BURRIS

May 16, 2022

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